



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Finance & Administration Council Committee

Tuesday, July 22, 2014

4:00 PM

Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 3 - John Street; Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-14:073 Minutes for the Finance Committee meeting on June 24, 2014

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Todd Burton, that this matter be Passed . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - John Street; Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

4. New Business

Resolutions To Be Introduced

RES-14:096 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO A LETTER OF ENGAGEMENT WITH BRACKETT KRENNERICH FOR ARCHITECTURAL SERVICE FOR RENOVATION OF THE JONESBORO RECREATIONAL CENTER (FORMERLY YMCA)

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Finance

Attachments: [Brackett Krennerich - Jonesboro Recreational Center](#)

Chairman Dover noted the amount for this resolution needs to be amended.

Councilman Street inquired if the price of the contract had been negotiated. Mayor Perrin answered yes and the new amount is \$18,750.00

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Todd Burton,

that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - John Street;Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

RES-14:099 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH THE AG FOR AUTISM TO RECEIVE A GRANT FOR THE MIRACLE LEAGUE OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Grants

Attachments: [AG for Autism Grant Award Letter and Agreement.pdf](#)

Grants Coordinator Heather Clements explained the City applied for this grant to help fund the equipment inside the autism room at the Miracle League. She noted this requires no match from the City.

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Todd Burton, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - John Street;Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

RES-14:107 RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO TO APPLY FOR THE FY 2015 DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND TOURISM 50/50 MATCHING GRANT

Sponsors: Grants

Ms. Clements stated after 4 community meetings the item that most people recommended was a pavilion at Parker Park. She added the cost would be \$125,000 and 50% of the cost would come from this grant.

Chairman Dover inquired if the remaining funds will come out of the Parks Department budget. Ms. Clements answered it will come out of the 2015 Parks Department budget.

Chairman Dover then asked if the City receives the grant will the money be in the budget to match the grant. Mayor Perrin answered yes.

A motion was made by Todd Burton, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - John Street;Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

RES-14:108 RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS APPROVING AN AGREEMENT FOR COMPREHENSIVE DEPENDENT AUDIT WITH SHARP, INC.

Sponsors: Finance

Attachments: [Sharp Dependent Audit Contract](#)
[Sharp Dependent Audit Contract - PDF](#)

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Burton, to place this resolution on tonight's Finance agenda. All voted aye.

Chief Financial Officer Ben Barylske explained the City wants to hire Sharp, Inc. to do an independent audit on the City's insurance plan due to all the changes that have went on concerning the insurance industry. He added the audit will look at whether or not the dependents that are on the plan are allowed to be covered under the City's insurance plan. He noted the county used Sharp, Inc. for their audit and Sharp did a good job for the County.

Councilman Burton asked if this needs to be placed out to bid. Mr. Barylske answered no due to the low cost of the contract.

A motion was made by Todd Burton, seconded by Councilman John Street, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote:

Aye: 3 - John Street; Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

Special election

Mayor Perrin explained a video has been done concerning the special election and will be broadcast throughout the media. He added the City will ask the citizens to put the whole amount that comes from the 1% permanent tax into the General Fund. He further added the City will need approximately \$3 million to balance O&M and after that amount is deducted it will leave \$4.5 million for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Mr. Barylske noted the premise is the City will not need the total \$7.5 million, but with the election coming up the City decided they can work with the \$7.5 million. He added the City will have the 10-year ½ cent tax that will give the City an extra \$1 million to help with street and drainage projects.

Mayor Perrin stated the Chamber of Commerce is looking at ways to increase revenue. The City may ask for a sales tax in 2015, but the tax will be project specific. He added the City might look at acquiring a bond to help offset the cost of the projects.

Miracle League

Chairman Dover asked for an update concerning the Miracle League. Mayor Perrin explained he is having several people look at the figures to see how much the City has to finish the project. He added the City does not want to spend any city money to finish the project. But since the money is coming in at a slower pace, they may have to ask for approval to get a loan to finish the project. He stated he estimates the City would need a loan between \$300,000 to \$400,000, and they would be able to pay the

loan off in a year after the rest of the money comes in.

Discussion was held concerning what items are left to be completed.

Chairman Dover inquired when opening day is for the Miracle League. Mayor Perrin answered the opening day has been moved to October.

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilman John Street, seconded by Todd Burton, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 3 - John Street;Darrel Dover and Todd Burton

Absent: 2 - Ann Williams and Charles Coleman